



**State Capital Area Firefighters
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Firefighters Teaching Firefighters

41st Annual SCAFFA Fire School

February 27th, 2025 to March 2nd, 2025

Ramada by Wyndam * 420 SE 6th Ave, Topeka, KS

Co-sponsored by: State Capital Area Firefighters Association (SCAFFA), Kansas State Firefighters Association (KSFFA), Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute (KFRTI), Topeka Fire Department, Kansas Forest Service, Shawnee Heights FD, Silver Lake Fire Department, Mission Township FD, Soldier Township FD, Shawnee County Fire District #4, Wheat State FOOLS, Stormont Vail Hospital, SNCO Emergency Management, Children's Mercy Hospital, Rescue Specialists

**An electronic version of this information can be found at:
<http://www.scaffa.org>. A link can also be found at
<http://www.ksffa.com/> which is a source with other valuable
information for firefighters. Check it out!**

SPECIAL EVENTS

SCBA Fit Testing

Kansas State Firefighters Association will offer SCBA fit testing at the SCAFFA School. They will be offered on Friday, March 1st only at their vendor booth. A current fit test is required for any live fire

*Vendor Display & Vendors' Night – Friday, February 28th, 2025

A room will be designated for supporting vendors to display their products and services on Friday. SCAFFA would not be possible without the support of our vendors. Please make sure to take the time to visit our vendors and find out how they can help serve your department also! Friday night SCAFFA will provide free dinner and beverages, including beer for participants of legal drinking age, while supplies last. Door prizes provided by many of the vendors will also be given away. You must be present to win.

AGENDA

<u>Thursday:</u>	<u>Friday:</u>	<u>Saturday/Sunday:</u>
07:00 - Registration opens	07:00 - Registration opens	07:00 - Registration opens
09:00 - Opening Ceremony	08:00 - AM Classes begin	08:00 - Classes begin
11:00 - Break for lunch (own)	12:00 - Lunch in Vendor area	12:00 - Lunch break (own)
13:00 - Afternoon session	13:00 - PM Classes begin	13:30 - Classes resume

Registration & Fees

- Registration is \$50 per person if registered by February 18th 2025, \$75 afterwards; unlimited classes.
- Instructor 1 has a \$30.00 certification fee payable to KFRTI. An online portion of the class is required before the SCAFFA School, and has a \$40 registration fee.
- The H.O.T. Tactical Thermal Imaging class has a \$100 fee. This is in addition to registration
- Advanced registration is recommended. Walk-ins are welcome but spaces in classes are limited.
- Participants *must* be 18 years of age to participate in this school.

Transportation

Participants need to provide their own transportation to courses not held at the Ramada.

Lodging

A limited block of rooms has been reserved at the Ramada, 420 SE 6th Ave., Topeka, KS at the rate of \$85 for double bed only rooms. It includes a hot breakfast. To take advantage of the special rate, call 785-234-5400 by February 7, 2025, and mention that you will be attending SCAFFA Fire School. After February 7, 2025, room availability and rates cannot be guaranteed



State Capital Area Firefighters Association 2025 Training conference

Firefighter Training Track
Fire Officer Training Track
Emergency Medical Training Track
Rescue Training Track
Mental Wellness Training Track

Thurs February 27th, 2025		Fri February 28th, 2025		Sat March 1st, 2025		Sun March 2nd, 2025	
AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
0900 to 1100	1300 to 1700	0800 to 1200	1300 to 1700	0800 to 1200	1330 to 1730	0800 to 1200	1330 to 1730

	OPENING CEREMONY - KEYNOTE SPEAKER						
KEYNOTE - Andy Starnes							
Tactical Thermal Imaging - Enhancing Fireground Strategies & Tactics		4 hour class					
Tactical Thermal Imaging - Live fire - HOT - Andy Starnes (Max 25) - OFF SITE					8 hour HOT class		
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Access Solutions - HOT - Stevenson							8 hour HOT class
Advanced grant writing - Jim Bodenheimer				4 hour class			
Building construction - KSFFA			4 hour class				
Extrication - HOT (SCFD4/Josh Rogers)					8 hour HOT class		
Fire and Life Safety Education for Today's Youth						4 hour class	
First Due - HOT - Wheatstate FOOLS (Max 25) - OFF SITE					8 hour HOT class		
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Fireground Size-Up - KSFFA					4 hour class		
Funeral team training - KSFFA						4 hour class	
Impact of One - Ljay Geist			4 hour class				
Instructor 1 - KFRTI				2-day workshop			
Introduction to grant writing - Jim Bodenheimer			4 hour class				
It is just that simple - HOT - Strategic Fire - OFF SITE					8 hour HOT class		
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Leadership Development Recruitment Course - KSFFA SAFER Grant					4 hour class		
Leadership Development Retention Course - KSFFA SAFER Grant						4 hour class	
Reading Smoke - KSFFA				4 hour class			
Sizing up the scene - KSFFA					4 hour class		
Stress Awareness Management and Mitigation for FF's & Spouses					4 hour class		
Transitional leadership- David Mellen & Ljay Geist				4 hour class			
Volunteer fire officers class - KFRTI				8 hour class			
Wildland Urban Interface - KS Forestry			4 hour class				

EMS CLASSES LISTED BELOW BY DAY:

EMS classes are listed in CEU credits, classes are in 2 or 4 hour blocks which include breaks

	0800 to 1200	1300 to 1700	0800 to 1200	1330 to 1730	0800 to 1200	1330 to 1730
Basic 12-lead - Mike Wallace	Full Day (6.5 hrs CEU)					
Trauma/Delivering death notices - Stormont Vail	90 min					
Trauma/Injury prevention - Stormont Vail		90 min				
Strokes - Stormont Vail			90 min			
Tactical EMS - Kenny Smith				120 min		
Airway management for the ALS Provider - Kenny Smith			3 hours CEU			
Advanced 12-lead - Mike Wallace				3 hours CEU		
Too Fast, too slow, and really really wide - Mike Wallace			90 min			
Syncope - Mike Wallace				60 min		
Crush Syndrome - Kenny Smith				90 min		
Haz-Mat for EMS - Mickey Huber					120 min	
Pediatric Medical and Abuse - Childrens Mercy					3 hours CEU	

CLASSROOM ONLY

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All-Day classes are from 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. w/ 1.5 hour lunch.

- **AM classes are from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.**
- **PM classes are from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
 - **Unless otherwise indicated**

Opening Ceremony

Michael Razo, SCAFFA President

Max Occupancy: 200

Class Length: 30 mins.

Day: Thursday 09:00

Celebrating the 41st anniversary of SCAFFA, an opening ceremony will kick off the 2025 conference.

KEYNOTE: THE ULTIMATE HOUSE FIRE: YOURS!

Andy Starnes, Insight Training LLC

Max Occupancy: 200

Class Length: 1.5 hrs.

Day: Thursday 09:30

This program focuses on highlighting the behavioral health concerns of first responders and family struggles. It covers the issues first responders face, statistical data, and many personal testimonies are shared. It is a program designed to awaken the heart and save firefighters' lives, marriages, and their families.

Access Solutions (HOT) - OFFSITE @ Auburn Fire Dept.

Craig Stevenson; TFD, MTFD, SCFD #4 & SCFD # 2

Max Occupancy: 24

Class Length: 8 hrs.

Day: Sunday All Day

Access Solutions encompasses the entire spectrum of entry skills from zero damage to maximum carnage as well as discussing when to use which. The morning will consist of passive access methods including lock picking, bypassing, and through the lock methods. The afternoon focuses on conventional forcible entry fundamentals while adding complexity and improvisation. Training tools for both sections are provided but attendees are encouraged to bring what they will be using at their home departments to practice in the afternoon.

Prerequisite: All participants need to bring PPE, eye and ear protection to participate in hands-on exercises.

This class will take place at Auburn Fire Dept, 110 SE 10th Ave, Auburn KS 66402

Participants are to report directly to the site at the course start time.

Lunch will be provided on site

Advanced Grant Writing

Jim Bodenheimer, Winchester Fire Department

Max Occupancy: 24

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Friday PM

Please bring a laptop to class! FEMAGO.gov access and SAM.gov access is recommended but not required. The goal of the workshop is to increase the number of competitive AFG applications/awards by enhancing attendee's application planning & development process. This advanced class will walk through an AFG grant application step-by-step, allowing the attendees to critically review an existing application. The exercise will include narrative development and narrative evaluation skills through the review of actual submitted narratives. Intro to Grant Writing class attendance is encouraged but not a prerequisite.

Building Construction

KSFFA

Max Occupancy: 45

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Friday AM

Upon completion of this lesson the student will be able to identify structural characteristics of building construction types and recognize signs and causes of potential building collapse. Includes discussion of lightweight construction and its effect on firefighter safety.

Extrication (HOT) - OFFSITE @ SCFD #4

Josh Rogers, TNT Rescue & Nathan Rewerts, SCFD4

Max Occupancy: 30

Class Length: 8 hrs.

Day: Saturday All Day

This course will cover the basics of the latest vehicle technology and how the firefighter needs to size up any extrication. A variety of tools and techniques will be shown. Students will get firsthand experience using tools and techniques. Various vehicle types will be discussed as well.

Prerequisite: *All participants need to bring PPE, eye and ear protection to participate in hands-on exercises.*

This class will take place at SCFD#4 Station 81, 315 NE Valencia RD, Topeka, KS 66615.

Lunch will be provided on site

Fire and Life Safety Education for Today's Youth

Jamie Roecker (OSFM)

Max Occupancy: 25

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Saturday PM

Learn the basics of fire and life safety education, prevention, and intervention. From school-wide programs to youth fire-setting intervention programs, we will cover all dynamics of working with youth from the fire department perspective. Whether you are just starting a school-based prevention program or running a robust intervention program, this class will have something for everyone. You will leave with an understanding of best practices for school-based education, how ACES are affecting our youth, components of intervention programs, and how to get a full youth fire-setting program off the ground. Come and learn, ask questions, and network with others working in the field of fire and life safety education and community risk reduction.

First Due (HOT) - OFFSITE @TBA

Wheatstate FOOLS

Max Occupancy: 25

Class Length: 8 hrs.

2 Classes Offered: All Day Saturday & All Day Sunday

Participants will learn the skills to demonstrate a solid understanding and practical skills in forcible entry, handline placement, VES, primary search, and ladder work. This course will provide students with hands-on stations to develop each of these skills with a full-scale evolution in the afternoon.

Prerequisite: *All participants need to bring PPE including SCBA, eye and ear protection to participate in hands-on exercises.*

This class will take place offsite at a location TBA.

Participants are to report directly to the site at the course start time.

Lunch will be provided on site

Fireground size up

KSFFA

Max Occupancy: 60

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Saturday AM

This class provides an in-depth overview of the essential steps and considerations for conducting an effective size-up on the fireground. Fireground size-up is a critical process that enables firefighters and incident commanders to evaluate the scene, identify hazards, and establish priorities for a safe and efficient response. Participants will learn how to assess incident dynamics, deploy resources strategically, and make informed decisions under pressure.

Funeral Team Training

KSFFA

Max Occupancy: 25

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Saturday PM

The beginning portion of the class is first responder mental health taught by Dr. LaTosha Ramos Lake Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Major USAF Reserves. Following that portion we will go into honoring our own and basic drill and ceremony to finish the day.

Impact of One

LJay Geist

Max Occupancy: 45

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Friday AM

Are YOU the one within your organization that impacts the culture in a positive way? For many departments ONE person can make an impact. Whether good or bad it can be detrimental to your culture. During this lecture we are going to combat complacency, find out how to WIN the mission within the walls of your firehouse, and how one person can positively impact their culture. Get ready for a high energy, high octane, two hours of good conversation and morale building.

Instructor I – Part 2 - ONLINE COURSEWORK REQUIRED - \$70

Erin McGruder, KFRTI

Max Occupancy: 45

Class Length: 16 hrs.

Days: Friday & Saturday

This seminar is Part 2 of a blended learning format with a focus on adult learning methodologies and instructional skills. Students will participate in group discussions, classroom-based activities, and give verbal presentations on assorted fire service topics. Note: All students must first complete the online portion (Part 1) of the training before attending, **which has a \$40 registration fee**. Students completing the course and pre-paid for the certification review may take their written exam at the conclusion of the second day. There is a **\$30.00 certification fee** for this course, payable online at time of registration. Contact Erin McGruder (ErinMcG@ku.edu) with any questions.

Introduction to Grant Writing

Jim Bodenheimer, Winchester Fire Department

Max Occupancy: 32

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Friday PM

Please bring a laptop to class! Class participants will learn the various websites they must enroll through in order to be eligible for government grants. We will work together to ensure they have or can gain access to the various sites. Participants should know their department Employee Identification Number (EIN), department legal name, and whether their department has an account with FEMAGO.gov and/or SAM.gov. We will also discuss and develop an application for the Forestry Grant for each department.

It's Just That Simple (HOT) - OFFSITE @ STFD

Strategic Fire

Max Occupancy: 25

Class Length: 8 hrs.

2 Classes Offered: All Day Saturday & All Day Sunday

"It Is Just That Simple" is a dynamic training program that combines hands-on experience, tactical strategies, and the cultivation of an aggressive fire suppression attitude. By participating in this course, the students will strengthen their skills, enhance teamwork, and gain valuable insights into engine operations.

Prerequisite: All participants need to bring PPE including SCBA, eye and ear protection to participate in hands-on exercises.

This class will take place offsite at Soldier Township Fire Department, 600 NW 46th St, Topeka KS 66617

Participants are to report directly to the site at the course start time.

Lunch will be provided on site

Leadership Development Recruitment Course - KSFFA SAFER Grant

Vicki Wright, KSFFA

Max Occupancy: 25

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Saturday AM

Today's fire service is faced with many challenges including responding to emergencies, budgeting, leadership skills and recruitment. Attendees will walk away from this class with a better understanding of the challenges that face managing & leading a department.

Leadership Development Retention Course - KSFFA SAFER Grant

Vicki Wright, KSFFA

Max Occupancy: 25

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Saturday PM

Learn from experienced instructors, share your challenges, and discover new retention strategies. Attendees will walk away from this class with a better understanding of the challenges that face managing & leading a Department.

Reading Smoke

KSFFA

Max Occupancy: 30

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Friday PM

Today's structure fires are more dangerous than ever before. Lightweight construction, low-mass synthetics, and open space floor plans have created a perfect storm for rapid, prolific fire growth and extreme behavior. It is imperative for firefighters of all ranks and experience levels to be prepared for this new battle. The Art of Reading Smoke, developed by Dave Dodson and continued by Rob Backer, provides the knowledge necessary for first-arriving firefighters, officers, and chief officers to determine the fire's location and progression "from the seat" before seeing any flame. This knowledge ensures that the correct tactics are implemented for the best possible outcome. Through the extensive use of actual fire ground videos, first-time students will develop, and return students will refine their knowledge and skills to become INTELLECTUALLY aggressive firefighters, rather than ARBITRARILY aggressive. The next generation of The Art of Reading Smoke brings new research, a new library of videos, and discussion on cancer prevention, tactics and strategies to blend today's fire service extinguishment and safety cultures into one cohesive unit.

Stress Awareness, Management and Mitigation for FF's and Spouses

Jim Bodenheimer, 10-33 Foundation

Max Occupancy: 24

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Saturday AM

This course will address the importance of pre-incident resilience training, define stress/how you get it/how your body processes it, discuss critical/traumatic events, share practical ways of coping with post-incident stress, and help build foundations for reducing daily stress.

This course is offered free to all firefighters and their spouse. SCAFFA registration is required, but there is an option to register at no charge through the site. Please have all spouses planning to attend register as well.

Tactical Thermal Imaging - Enhancing Fireground Strategies & Tactics

Andy Starnes, Insight Fire Training

Max Occupancy:

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Thursday PM

Today's modern fire ground places stringent demands on our firefighters. Firefighters are required to formulate their strategies and tactics at 15-20 times the speed as previously in the past due to the high heat release rate fuels in structure fires. These fires develop faster and are predominantly ventilation limited fires with heavy, turbulent, black smoke that reduces visibility. Tactical Thermal Imaging enhances a firefighter's decision-making skill set by providing thermal data. This data allows firefighters to:

Quickly locate the location & severity of the fire

Locate tough hidden fires via thermal cues & clues

Identify the flow path and the fires direction of travel

Determine the most efficient access path & prevent rapid fire development

Enhanced Stream Placement by demonstrating the value of a guided stream through Tactical TIC usage.

Tactical Thermal Imaging (HOT) - Live Fire - OFFSITE @ TFD - \$100

Andy Starnes, Insight Fire Training

Max Occupancy: 25

Class Length: 8 hrs.

2 Classes Offered: All Day Saturday & All Day Sunday

This course will cover the introduction to tactical thermal imaging and spend intensive training on the application of tactical thermal imaging.

Prerequisite: All participants need to bring PPE and SCBA including a spare cylinder, eye and ear protection to participate in hands-on exercises.

Transitional Leadership

David Mellen & LJay Geist

Max Occupancy: 45

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Friday PM

This lecture will be presented by a firefighter and Chief level officer. We will discuss the importance of leadership at each level, determine ways to be successful, and how to work together to be the best we can be for the people we took an oath serve. This will be a high energy, no B.S. class that will get you ready to lead in your firehouse.

Volunteer Fire Officers

KFRTI

Max Occupancy: 30

Class Length: 8 hrs.

Day: Friday ALL DAY

The Frontline Leadership for the Volunteer and Combination Fire Officer Class helps to define the role of fire officers, equipping them with a comprehensive skill set that acknowledges traditions in the fire service and recognizes modern challenges.

Designed to cater to the unique needs of volunteer and combination departments, this class offers a curriculum that integrates traditional firefighting values with modern management techniques. Aspiring and seasoned fire officers alike will benefit from a curriculum that covers not only tactical firefighting strategies but also emphasizes leadership, communication, community engagement, and adaptive decision-making.

With a focus on collaboration and resource management, the Fire Officer Class sets a new standard, empowering fire officers to efficiently navigate complex emergency scenarios while fostering a culture of teamwork and professional growth within their departments and their communities.

Wildland Urban Interface

KS Forestry

Max Occupancy: 25

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Friday AM

When homes are in the way of fires, how do your tactics change? How can you protect structures in your response area? This course will take participants through scenarios and provide opportunity for discussion

EMS CLASSES

Advanced 12-Lead

Mike Wallace

CEUs: 3 hours

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Saturday PM

Airway Management for the ALS Provider

Kenny Smith

CEUs: 3 hours

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Saturday AM

Basic 12-Lead

Mike Wallace

CEUs: 6.5 hours

Class Length: 8 hrs.

Day: Friday ALL DAY

Crush Syndrome

Kenny Smith

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Saturday PM

Haz-Mat for EMS

Mickey Huber

CEUs: 2 hours

Class Length: 120 mins.

Day: Saturday PM

Pediatric Medical and Abuse

Children's Mercy

CEUs: 3.0 hours

Class Length: 4 hrs.

Day: Sunday AM

Strokes

Stormont Vail

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Friday PM

Syncope

Mike Wallace

CEUs: 1 hour

Class Length: 60 mins.

Day: Sunday AM

Tactical EMS

Kenny Smith

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Friday PM

Too Fast, Too Slow & Really Really Wide - EKGs

Mike Wallace

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Saturday AM

Trauma - Delivering Death Notices

Stormont Vail

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Friday AM

Trauma - Injury Prevention

Stormont Vail

CEUs: 1.5 hours

Class Length: 90 mins.

Day: Friday AM